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amendment misses the whole point of what we're doing in the sense that it puts the money back into the promotion fund. Well, there's already 2 percent that most counties have going into a promotion fund. What's really needed out there now and the reason why a lot of people are interested in this bill, I think, is because the money is going into an improvement fund, not into a promotion fund, so that the money can be actually used to improve existing tourist attractions and other sort of amenities of that nature. So if you believe in what the bill essentially is about, this would not be a good amendment to support. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess if I were a Lincoln senator, I'd love this bill too. And, with all due respect, I don't think that we can make it a greater expense to those entities traveling to Lincoln, and that's the bulk of these dollars that we're talking about right now. And there are economies that exist relating to this, but I hope that...I mean this is a compromise and I hope that that can be perceived as such because I can understand giving some tax dollars to an entity because they've been working with the same amount for quite awhile, but doubling it is what concerns me a great deal. I mean absolutely doubling it I don't think is necessary. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I would oppose this amendment. The way the statutes are written now for this County Visitors Improvement (sic) Fund, it's written that they can levy up to a 2 percent tax, so I see no point in putting in some other numbers in there. To start with, the bill was nice, clean and concise bill. Very few words were stricken from it. The \$300,000 limit was stricken from it and that was about the size of it. I see no point in making something more in the statutes that we have to work with. It's something that we need out in some of these areas. If you're going to promote tourism then let's promote tourism. If you're going to wait and look for some white knight to come charging in